

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE: May 26, 1983

ISSUE: What is EPA doing about possible PCBs in drainage ditches and under buildings owned by Gulf Electroquip at 4200 Fidelity Road in Houston?

NEXT CRITICAL DATE: Investigation of site by FIT to determine feasibility of putting in monitoring wells. Schedule unknown.

CURRENT AGENCY POSITION: EPA does not believe that the liquids in the drainage ditches at the site came from beneath the buildings.

BACKGROUND:

*FIDELITY ROAD SITE  
TX-D99079256*

EPA received information on the possible burial of PCBs under concrete slabs and buildings on the property owned by Gulf Electroquip at 4200 Fidelity Road in 1980. EPA surveyed the site and decided there was no way to determine under which slabs or buildings the PCB items were buried, if present at all. Since there was no firm evidence and no method to detect the presence of PCBs, EPA subsequently dropped its investigation upon receiving assurances from Gulf Electroquip that PCB items were not buried at the site.

On April 15, 1983, EPA received information that PCBs were present in drainage ditches at this site. An inspection was conducted by EPA and the State of Texas. Samples were collected of oil, sediment and liquid in the ditches. The analyses have not been completed, but the red liquid in the ditches appears to have come from a truck firm near the site. This firm has cleaned up the material present in the drainage ditch.

An inspection is planned by EPA to determine whether monitoring wells should be placed at the site to monitor for any possible PCBs in the ground water.

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